

CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

HB 992 - SB 1277

April 5, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes an uncompensated trauma care fund which would be funded from a \$100 fee levied on those convicted of a moving violation. The court clerk would collect the fee and retain \$1.00 for expenses in collecting and processing the fee. If an offender is sentenced to an institution or program, the clerk must notify the appropriate official whether the fee was paid. If payment was not made, the commissioner of correction or the appropriate county officer must collect the payment from the prisoner.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On March 31, 2005 we issued a fiscal note which indicated *an increase in state revenues of \$4,488,200 and a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$29,200 to the Uncompensated Trauma Care Fund; an increase in local govt. revenues of \$45,630; and an other fiscal impact that to the extent that the TennCare program would no longer receive the benefit of the certified public expenditures (CPE), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services would not recognize such funds as state program expenditures to match federal funding and would reduce federal expenditures exceeding \$1,000,000 and increase state expenditures exceeding \$1,000,000.* Based on additional information provided to us, the estimated fiscal impact of this bill is:

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Increase State Revenues - \$4,488,200/Uncompensated Trauma Care Fund
Increase State Expenditures - \$29,200 One-Time/Uncompensated Trauma
Care Fund

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - \$45,630

Assumptions:

- There are an estimated 60,840 moving violation convictions statewide: 50 for vehicular assault and vehicular homicide; 20 for carjacking; 100 for evading arrest; 5,000 for failure to obey stop signs; 33,000 for speeding; 3,600 for reckless driving; 19,000 for DUI; and 70 for drag racing.
- It is estimated that 25% of the uncompensated trauma care fee would be excused or uncollected because of indigence, resulting in approximately 45,630 convictions resulting in \$4,563,000 in fee collections.
- ITR would have a one-time expenditure of \$29,200 to revise forms and software to accommodate the new fee.

- County clerks would receive \$1 of each fee for collecting and processing such funds resulting in \$45,630 in increase local govt. revenues.
- The funding from the Uncompensated Trauma Care Fund will not affect the TennCare program's benefit of certified public expenditures (CPE) at three statewide trauma centers for uncompensated care which is recognized by CMS as state program expenditures to match federal funding.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director